

**WELCOME TO YOUTH SUNDAY!  
MAY 14, 2017  
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

**INSPIRATIONAL MUSIC FROM THE YOUTH**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING PRAYER** - *Read aloud as the "PEOPLE"*

**LEADER:** My heart rejoices in the Lord; my horn is lifted high and I delight that you will deliver me from my enemies.

**PEOPLE:** There is no one holy like the Lord; no one besides Him; there is no Rock like our God.

**LEADER:** Control you tongue from speaking so proudly with arrogance, for God weighs your deeds.

**PEOPLE:** Though we think we are broken, God arms us with strength. We work for food, but In God we are hungry no more.

**LEADER:** The LORD brings death and makes alive. He sends poverty and wealth; he humbles and he exalts. He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them above all and has them inherit a throne of honor.

**PEOPLE:** For the foundations of the earth are the LORD's; on them he has set the world. He will guard the feet of his faithful servants, but the wicked will be" silenced in the place of darkness. It is not by strength that one prevails; those who oppose the LORD will be broken.

**ALL TOGETHER:** The Most High will thunder from heaven; the LORD will judge the ends of the earth. He will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed. Amen.

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**CELEBRATION MUSIC**

*Younger Elementary Group*

*Carley Edwards – "Like My Mother Does"*

*Olivia Cox – "My Revival"*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ALL:** God of grace, thank you for all biological or adoptive mothers, caregivers, relatives and friends; women who have been there for us, who have made us who we are.

Even when we fail you, you continue to mother us with your love. We are not perfect in our relationships. For all the ways we have disappointed our children, forgive us. For all the ways we have disappointed our parents, forgive us. Help us to overcome our pride and make amends where there are broken relationships. We ask for patience when we do not agree; we ask for self-control and a resolution to follow you so that our children will see the importance of you in their own lives. Above all these we ask for love, pressed down, shaken together, running over! We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Skit – "A List of Things Our Mothers' Taught Us!"**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**OLD TESTAMENT** - Samuel 1:27-28

**NEW TESTAMENT** - Luke 1:46-48 and 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

**ANTHEM** - Haley Stephenson "How Great Thou Art"

**SERMON** - "When God Created Mothers" & "God and Mother"

**DEDICATION MUSIC**

Katlyn Stewart – “Indescribable”

Isabella Cox – “Mary Did You Know?”

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Stand and Join In**

I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God,

Born of the promise to the Virgin Mary.

I believe in the love Mary gave her Son that caused her to follow Him in His ministry and stand by His cross as He died.

I believe in the love of all mothers, and its importance in the lives of the children they bear.

It is stronger than steel, softer than down, and more resilient than a green sapling on the hillside.

It closes wounds, melts disappointments, and enables the weakest child to stand tall and straight in the fields of adversity.

I believe that this love, even at its best, is only the shadow love of God.

And I believe that one of the most beautiful sights in the world is a mother who lets this greater love flow through her to her child, blessing the world with the tenderness of her touch and the tears of her joy.

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER**

**THE OFFERING OF GIFTS TO GOD**

**DOXOLOGY**

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN – “Faith of Our Mothers” – see below**

1. *Faith of our mothers, living still;  
In cradle song and bedtime prayer;  
In nursery lore and fireside love;  
Thy presence still pervades the air.  
Faith of our mothers, living faith;  
We will be true to thee till death.*
2. *Faith our mothers, Christian faith;  
In truth beyond our stumbling creeds  
Still serve the home and save the Church;  
And breathe thy spirit though our deeds;  
Faith of our mothers, Christian faith;  
We will be true to thee till death.*

**BENEDICTION**

If you have not had your picture taken outside by the CROSSES, you may do so after Church.

**POSTLUDE Mr. Lewis** \*Congregation will stand if able